

CAN'T FIRE GUNS WHEN HANDS ARE STIFF WITH COLD, SO TEUTONS WEAR MUFFS



SMALL MUFFS ARE THE MODE, EVEN IN THE TRENCHES!

To prepare for the rigors of trench warfare in winter the farsighted Teutons, it was asserted, had issued to the soldiers in Russia 2,000,000 fur lined boots and 500,000 little trench stoves. The allies also have been busied with preparations for cold weather. Factories in France have made huge quantities of trench stoves, while England has sent across the channel great pyramids of blankets and warm clothing for the troops. The German soldiers in the picture have displayed characteristic German ingenuity in devising muffs for themselves.

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CAPTURED ORDERS AID GERMANS TO SINK SUBMARINE

Twenty-Four British Sailors
Drown When Vessel is
Torpedoed.

Constantinople, Jan. 1.—The destruction, a few days ago, of a British submarine of the "cruiser" class, was due largely to the fact that on a captured French submarine, the Turkish navy had been furnished with the instructions concerning the operations of the Allied submarine fleet in the Sea of Marmora. These documents, besides naming the Marmara coast points where supplies could be obtained by the Allied submarines, also threw a light on the movements of these vessels. In pursuance of the information thus obtained, the German submarine U. B. 14, waylaid the British "cruiser" and sent a torpedo into her side. Twenty-four men were drowned, while the craft's three officers and another crew member, most of them wounded, were made prisoners.

That the Allied submarines in the Marmara were being supplied with necessities in the lake itself had been the contention of the Ottoman authorities for some time. It had been impossible, however, to obtain accurate information, since it was felt that an end had to be put to this state of affairs, the Turkish government declared the entire Marmara coast a "closed zone," into which no ship of any sort could venture without a special permit and a representative of the Ottoman marine department aboard. Nevertheless, a large number of Greeks, in some cases also Turks, ventured into the forbidden waters, a heavy sentence of penal servitude, in some instances terms of eight years, were imposed upon them. Notwithstanding this the traffic continued until quite recently.

The papers found on the Turkish ship also showed that the newer and larger types of British submarines use coal as fuel. In the list of "bases" in the Marmara sea at several places where coal could be obtained, Turkish patrol boats had reported that they had seen submarines from whose funnels coal smoke issued. At the time this was not believed. It has been learned since then that the principle of locomotion, above and below the surface, remain the same, with the difference that the submarine so obtaining its power must, while in the zone of the enemy, replenish its electric storage batteries at night, when nothing but sparks from the funnel could reveal its presence.

In connection with the efforts of the Turkish authorities to restrict military activity on the Sea of Marmara, a rather amusing incident occurred last July. The officers of a certain German submarine were in the habit of dining at one of Pera's best hotels. So did the officers of an English submarine on at least one oc-

casional. At that time the Turkish government, as it does even today, permitted the subjects of hostile governments to move freely about Constantinople. Dining one day at this hotel, the commander of a German submarine was given by the waiter a letter which bore his full name and address. The waiter said that on the previous evening the letter had been left by a party of five, one of whom seemed to be an American.

The letter contained greetings from the officers of the British submarine to the officers of the German submarine. It was couched in friendly terms, showing further that the sponsors of the letter were of a sportive turn of mind. They would meet some day, joked the writer of the message, and then they would see who would get the best of it.

Whether or not the waiter was right in his assertion that an "American" had been the party, is hard to say. At any rate, the Turkish government began to keep close watch on the United States ship Scorpion.

While the vessel still lay at its moorings off Kabatas, Turkish motorboats patrolled the adjacent waters constantly, while at the jetty, which the crew and visitors of the Scorpion had to use, police officials inquired closely into the purpose of every trip to or from the vessel. A little later the Turkish government, on the plea that the moorings of the Scorpion were no longer safe, insisted that the vessel take a new station in the Golden Horn, beyond the new and old bridges, at a point where British submarines could not endanger her. The protests of Ambassador Morgenthau against this uncompromising procedure on the part of the Turkish government were useless. The commander of the Scorpion, Captain Morton, said that the suspicion on which the Turkish government had acted were devoid of all justification.

**Greenhill Insists
Motorman Could Have
Prevented Accident**

Corner John J. Phelan today measured the distances at Stratford, Connecticut avenues where Frederick Camp of Higganum was killed early Christmas morning while riding in an automobile driven by Arthur Greenhill. The latter, with his wife and his sister, Miss Ada Greenhill, were severely injured when the automobile which Greenhill was driving crashed into a trolley car.

In the Bridgeport hospital yesterday Mr. Greenhill told Coroner Phelan that he thought the trolley car was about to stop and that, according to his usual custom, he tried to pass in front of the car believing there was room. Greenhill insists that the motorman saw him in the flare of the big headlights on the trolley car and had time to stop to prevent the accident.

Coroner Phelan today found the distance from where Greenhill turned from Connecticut avenue to where the collision occurred substantially correct as described by Greenhill. Peter Foy, the motorman of the car, insists that it was standing still when Greenhill ran into it. All other witnesses say the trolley car was in motion.

Amusements PLAZA

No more beautiful or interesting photo-production has been seen locally this season than "The Penitentes," a five part Triangle masterpiece featuring Orrin Johnson and Senna Owen which is being shown at the Plaza, the latter half of the week. The vaudeville program is splendidly balanced and has as its headliner Dan Burke and company, in "The Old Master," a beautiful and novel dance offering that is attracting much deserved attention and commendation. The Gypsy Countess with her unique musical instrument which she chooses to term the cimbalo, is scoring successfully at every performance.

Duffy and Montague, presenting their hilarious oddity entitled "Married Half an Hour," put over a comical line of songs and chatter that is pleasing the crowds.

Lordy's Dogs, one of the most interesting and amusing troops of canines performers, in vaudeville, complete the bill.

EMPIRE

An all feature New Year's program headed by Pauline Frederick in the five-part Famous Players Paramount masterpiece, "Lydia Gilmore," will be shown this evening at the Empire theatre.

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An interesting series of evening sermons, have been announced by Rev. John R. Brown, Ph. D., pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, for his congregation and strangers during the month of January. The general topic selected has been "Christianity and Its Relation to War and Peace."

The topics will be presented as follows: Jan. 2, "The Fighting Instinct and Its Relation to Christian Faith"; Jan. 9, "The Restrictions of War"; Jan. 16, "The Defects of Peace"; Jan. 23, "Preparedness and the Christian Churches"; Jan. 30, "The Moral Equivalent of War."

The American yacht Academy on a cruise for gold through South America, has been sold at Panama after a trip replete with misadventure.

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Queer South American Monkey That
Roars Like a Lion.

While there is little likelihood of any species (of fauna) living within the jungle becoming extinct, it would require but little effort to make the Gatun lake region a wonderful outdoor zoological garden that would prove almost as interesting to visitors as the game refuges along the government railroad in British East Africa.

While breakfasting on the houseboat a strange, uncouth sound came from the hills to the west, rising and falling in a torrent of guttural notes. It was the first greeting of the "black howler," the largest of the South American monkeys, whose uproarious conduct, whether in tribal conversation, in protestation against man or the weather, was a source of astonishment thereafter.

My friend Fuentes, the bird artist and naturalist, whose mimicry of bird notes is quite equal to the fidelity of his brush, declares that the noise of the "howler" is by far the most striking sound in the American tropics, being "a deep, throaty, bass roar, with something of the quality of grunting pigs or of the barking bellow of a bull alligator or an ostrich. The noise was as loud as the full throated roaring of lions, and its marvelous carrying power was frequently attested when we heard it from the far side of some great Andean valley."

It is a popular belief on the isthmus that the "black howler" is an infallible weather prophet, and especially so in predicting a shower.

So far as we could discover, it was only when the clouds blackened overhead and the first preliminary drops began to fall that this prognosticator considered it safe to commit himself in the forecast—George Shiras 3d in National Geographic Magazine.

Old Time London Bank Clerks. Formerly the dress of the ordinary bank clerk was knee breeches, silk stockings, shoes with silver buckles, tail coat and often a white tie. Messrs. Coutts drew the line at the clean shave and a frock coat. Hirsute ornaments were regulated by strict orders from headquarters, beards or the mustache not being tolerated for many years. Nearly every one walked to and from business at that time, three, four or five miles being no uncommon distance. One gentleman lived in Friday street, Cheapside. He used to saunter down to the bank about 8:30 in dressing gown and slippers, sign the "appearance book" and then return home to shave and breakfast at his leisure—London Express.

Nursing a Grouch. What a dissatisfied bunch of mortals we are! Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year we grumble about the weather. It's either too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. You meet a friend who says, "It's a fine day today!" You answer, "Delightful!" The next one you meet says, "Ain't this beastly weather?" You answer, "The foulest ever!" You're always ready to agree with the knocker. Even the poor, innocent weather cannot escape your hammer. Everything in this world was made wrong—except yourself, I mean. You are the quintessence of perfection in your own mind. When you're invited to a party you are mad because you're invited, and if you are ignored you're mad again just because that condition fits your disposition. Why don't you, for a change, look at the bright side of things and maybe your "disgrunt" will improve.—Cartoons Magazine.

Color Combinations. Knicker.—The novelist dresses his heroine in some clinging white stuff. Bocker.—But doesn't mention the cost in some vanishing green stuff.—New York Sun.

Just For a Joke. "She says I am dull." "You should crack a few jokes occasionally. Ask her to marry you or something like that."—Puck.

Take life as you find it, but don't leave it so.—Anon.

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ALBERT E. LAVERY,

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MARRIED.

WHITNEY—COUCH—In Danbury, Dec. 23, William Whitney and Miss Ethel Couch.

ARRINGTON—SPRINGSTEEN—In Norwalk, Dec. 24, Edward W. Arrington and Miss Samantha V. Springsteen.

HYATT—LYON—In Bethel, Dec. 26, Howard Hyatt of Medbury, Vt., and Miss W. Lyon.

OLDER—HAY—In Old Thomas, Dec. 27, Louis Albert Oldershaw and Miss Annie Louise Bold.

JONES—STANTON—In Danbury, Dec. 27, Miss M. Beatrice Stanton to George S. Jones.

HOLMGREN—WARNER—In Danbury, Dec. 22, Gustaf Holmgren and Miss Dorothy Warner.

SCULLY—STATHAM—In Norwalk, Dec. 22, James F. Scully and Miss Viola G. Statham.

MULVHILL—MCDONOUGH—In Sag Harbor, L. I., Daniel F. Mulvihill of Norwalk and Miss Anna McDonough.

BENGT—COLEMAN—In Norwalk, Dec. 24, Archie Bengt and Miss Irene M. Coleman.

HEINZELMAN—STARR—In Norwalk, Dec. 24, Harold N. Heinzelman and Miss Nora E. Starr.

BENHAM WILLIAMS—In Bethel, Dec. 25, Miss Ruby Cargan Williams and Garwood Benham of New Haven.

HOWARD—BARKER—In Stamford, Dec. 25, Charles F. Howard and Miss Grace Barker.

HOYT—HARTFORD—In Springfield, Dec. 23, Samuel Hoyt and Miss Martha Hartford.

DIED

CROFUT—In Danbury, Dec. 25, Sybil, widow of Austin Crofut, aged 48 years.

HYATT—In Glenville, Dec. 26, Benjamin P. Hyatt, aged 55.

MEAD—In Greenwich, Dec. 27, Elizabeth, wife of Newcombe S. Mead.

ROGERS—In Norwalk, Dec. 28, Miss Harriett A. Rogers, aged 78.

DIEMOND—In New Canaan, Dec. 24, John Dermody, aged 55.

CARTER—In Bethel, Dec. 27, Annie W. Carter, aged 66.

SHOLES—In Ridgefield, Emma Nash, widow of D. Smith Sholes, aged 54.

WORDEN—In Greenwich, Dec. 28, Lizzie, wife of Alvah Worden.

HUYLER—In Rowayton, Dec. 23, William H. Huyler, aged 75.

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